INSTRUCTIONS for filling out:

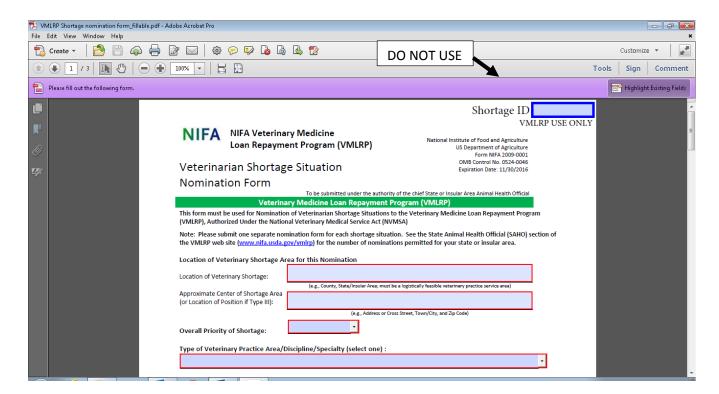
Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form (NIFA 2009-0001, OMB 0524-0046)

The Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form for the VMLRP is now a fillable pdf form that MUST be submitted through the form. This process enables the information entered into the form to be transmitted to NIFA in a data format. The data format reduces the need for VMLRP staff to enter the data into different systems and allows for more rapid analysis of the types shortages submitted. Please note, you need to see the red boxes on the form for the fillable form to work correctly. Therefore download the form to your computer before filling out. It won't work if you try to fill out from a web browser.

This document will provide screen shots for filling out the form, submitting the form and saving the form.

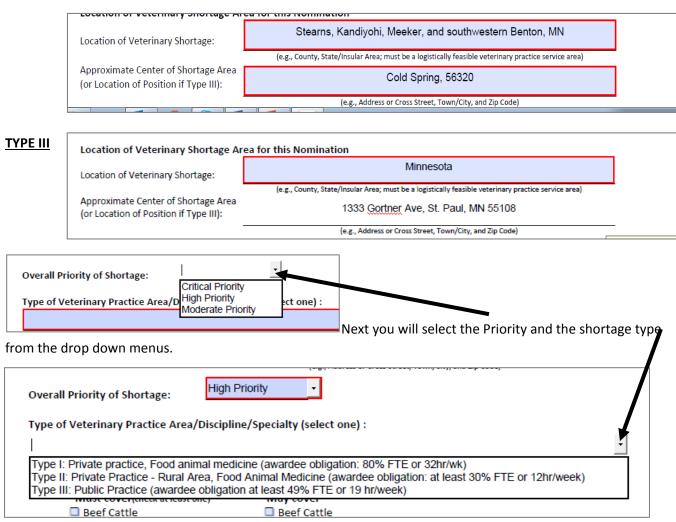
FILLING OUT THE FORM

When you open the nomination form this is what you should initially see. All shaded areas are what you can type text into or select from a drop down box. All items with a RED outline are mandatory. Items with a BLACK outline are optional and items without an outline need one section or the other to be filled out. The Shortage ID is outlined in BLUE and is for VMLRP use ONLY.

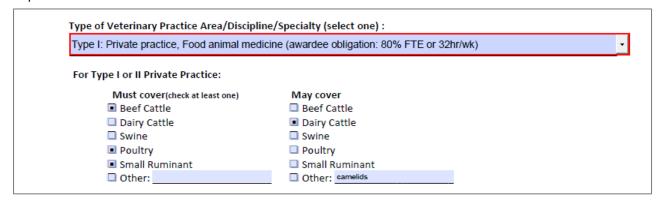


The first 2 fields are for typing in the location and center of the location information. For the location of the Veterinary Shortage just list the counties (or equivalent) followed by the state and any additional location information. DO NOT add modifiers like "county" or "parish". The center should be a city name, GPS coordinates or an address for employment for type III shortages. See a Type I or II and a Type III example below. Note when the cursor is in the shaded area that area turns white.

TYPE I or II



For Type I or II you will then select the MUST Serve and MAY SERVE animals by clicking the box next to the appropriate animal if not listed select other and write in. Refer to the online guidance document for an explanation of MUST or MAY serve.



For Type III enter the employer, position and service discipline.

Type III: Public Practice (awardee obligation at least 49% FTE or 19 hr/week)	
For Type I or II Private Practice:	
Must cover(check at least one)	May cover
Beef Cattle	☐ Beef Cattle
Dairy Cattle	☐ Dairy Cattle
Swine	■ Swine
Poultry	□ Poultry
Small Ruminant	☐ Small Ruminant
Other:	Other:
For Type III Public Practice:	
Employer: University of Minnesota	Position Title: Veterinary Diagnostician
Please select one or more specialty/disciplinary areas:	
Food Safety	
Public Health	
Epidemiology	
Other: Pathology	

For any type you may enter a higher percent FTE than the minimum. An example here is for a type II requiring 50% vs. the minimum 30%.

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type checked above, please specify the percent time in the box below (based on a 40-hour work week). Leave the box blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

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For the next 4 questions enter your response. NOTE once you hit the maximum character number you cannot continue to type in the box.

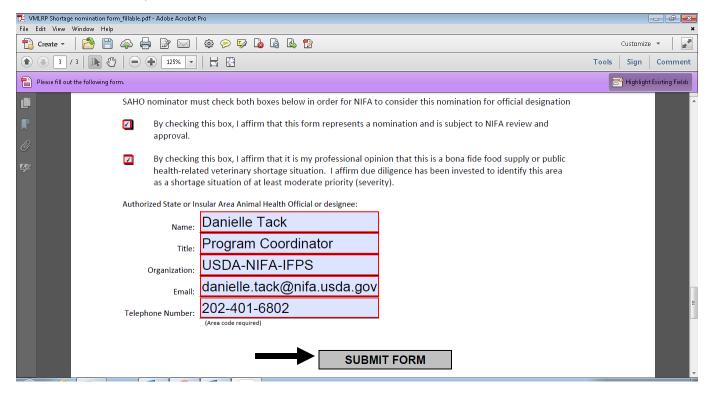
Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 750 characters or less).

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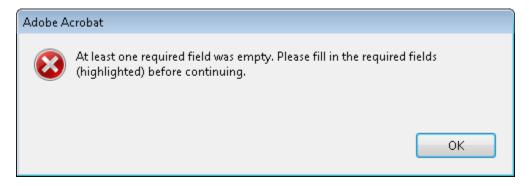
After answering the questions read and check the affirmation boxes, enter your contact information and then submit the form.

SUBMITTING THE FORM

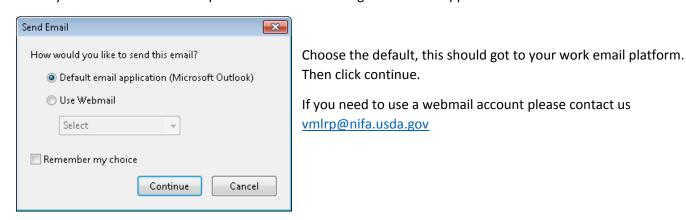
Once the form is completed. Cick on the SUBMIT FORM BUTTON



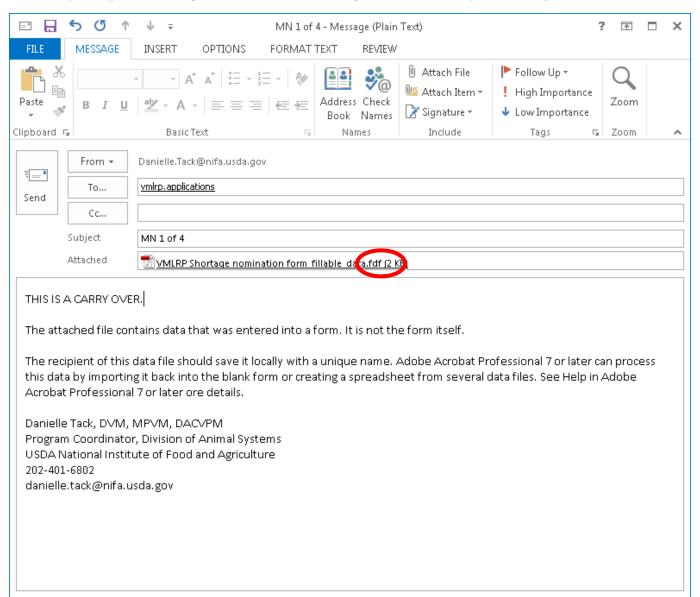
IF you forgot a required field (outlined in RED). The following message will appear



When you click submit on a completed form the following window will appear

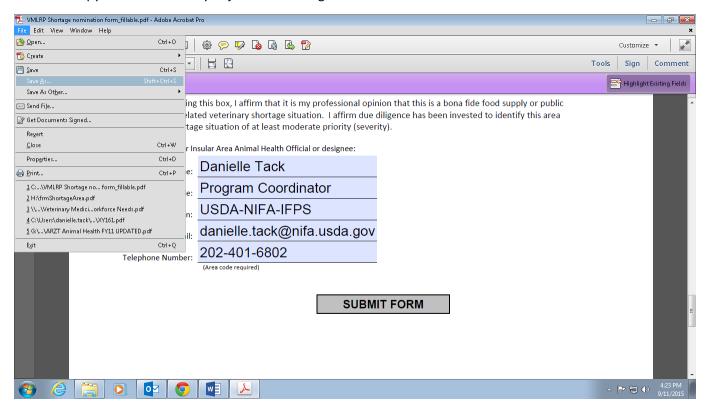


An email will generate to complete the submission. Please change the subject line to read your state and number of submissions. Add any additional message in the body of the text such as if the submission is a carry over. Don't worry about the name of the attachment we will save the file appropriately on our end. However, if you save the pdf prior to hitting submit the file will reflect the name you gave the file. The FDF file is what we need do not send us a pdf. If you are having difficulties with submitting contact us at vmlrp@nifa.uda.gov

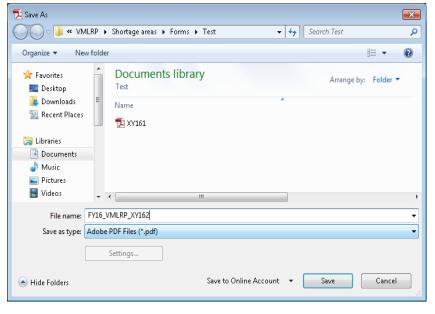


SAVING THE FORM AS A PDF

To save a copy of the form that you just submitted go to File - Save As..



Name the file as you would prefer and select pdf for the file type and place in the folder on your computer as you choose.



The form you have saved is still fillable, so if you did not finish a nomination you can save prior to submitting.

However, the file format needed by VMLRP is the FDF, so please do not attach the PDFs you saved to an email. We will ask that you go back and use the SUBMIT button.

You can use the same form you just completed for your next nomination by over typing the current form. This does increase your chance of error, so it may be better to save a blank form and begin all nominations from the blank form.